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In re PCT International Application of:)
BERGGREN, Wouter Detlof, et al.)
Int. Appl No.: PCT/EP2004/050347)
Int. Filing Date: 23 March 2004)
SLUICE VESSEL AND METHOD OF OPERATING SUCH)
A SLUICE VESSEL)

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: